Amendments to the Specification

As used herein, an IC insurance claim processing system includes a series of instructions

On page 12, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 as follows:

executed by a computer system 70 and/or 80 for processing an IC's business transactions. A claim processing system may include one or more processing tasks. A processing task may include a sequence of one or more processing steps or an ordered list or a structured list of one or more processing steps which associated with the business transaction to be processed by the claim processing system. In one embodiment, the sequence of steps may be fixed. In another embodiment the sequence of steps may be established dynamically, in real-time. In one embodiment, the sequence of one or more steps may include an initial step, a final step, one or more intermediary steps, etc. In one embodiment, an IC user may select steps to process an insurance claim in a sequential manner. In another embodiment, the IC user may select steps to process an insurance claim in a random or arbitrary manner. Examples of processing steps may include, but are not limited to: receiving an input from a user of the IC insurance claim processing system 70 and/or 80, reading a value from a database, updating a field in a database,

displaying the results of a business transaction on a computer screen, etc.

